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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 24 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 24 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

1. A group consisting of two inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0935 hours. At 0950 hours it arrived at the University of Technology in Baghdad. The group met with the president of the University and asked him about University equipment and departments. It requested a description of the departments, the names of the deans of the various faculties and information on the types of diplomas granted by the University and asked many other questions. After its meeting with the University president, the group asked for a list of names of the deans of the faculties. It then inspected the procurement office and examined some documentation there. It went on to inspect the laboratories of the chemical engineering and applied sciences departments and investigated the activities of the laboratories and the instruments and equipment in these departments. While it was inspecting the applied sciences department, the group requested a private interview with Dr. Sabah Abd al-Nur, a member of the departmental teaching staff at the assistant professor level whose scientific specialization is materials technology and who had in the past worked in Iraq's former nuclear programme. Dr. Abd al-Nur refused to be interviewed on his own and insisted that a representative of the National Monitoring Directorate (NMD) should be present. The group conducted the interview in the presence of the NMD representative, and it ascertained that Dr. Abd al-Nur had been a member of the teaching staff at the University of Technology for many years. The group completed its assignment at 1330 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1340 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours. At 1015 hours it arrived at the site of the Salah al-Din State Enterprise, an affiliate of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) that makes tools and electronics products. It is located in the Dawr district of Salah al-Din governorate, some 150 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team met with those in charge and asked about major operations and about buildings added since 1998. It then conducted a radiometric survey of all roads and facilities using hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity there might be. It inspected the different departments and, in the course of its inspection, familiarized itself with the work of the various sections and departments and took a sample of triturated nickel. The group completed its assignment at 1335 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1525 hours.

II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A group consisting of 10 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0940 hours it arrived at the Baghdad University College of Veterinary Medicine in Abu Ghraib, some 15 kilometres west of Baghdad. On arrival, it met with the

College's representative to the NMD and asked him a number of questions about the College and its activities, the number of students and ongoing research. The group then inspected parts of the main building and took a sample of a type of bacterium used in the production of animal vaccines, which was among the items included in Iraq's declarations. The group completed its assignment at 1300 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1335 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0910 hours it arrived at the National Food Industries Company in Za`faraniyah, a suburb of Baghdad. This is a mixed-sector company that makes juices and soft drinks. On arrival, the group met with the managing director and asked him about the various divisions of the company, the number of people employed, the types of products made and whether any of them were exported, the kinds of tests done on products, and annual production figures. The group's questions were answered. The group then inspected the production hangars, the quality control section and all facilities. The group completed its assignment at 1140 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1215 hours.

III. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

1. A group consisting of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours. At 0925 hours it arrived at the Shahid Abd al-Karim Abbas plant of the Rashid State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate, located some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. The group met with the manager and asked about the date the plant was established, the origin of imported raw materials, production capacity, the number of employees and the reasons the plant was not operating. All of its questions were answered. The group completed its assignment at 1130 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1235 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0820 hours. It inspected four military sites, tagging the equipment subject to monitoring. The group completed its mission at 1450 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1520 hours.

3. A third group, consisting of 16 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours. At 0925 hours it arrived at the MIC's Nida' State Enterprise in Za`faraniyah, a suburb of Baghdad, a plant that makes dies, provides services to the industrial sector and the railways and produces replacement parts for food processing plants. It had been subject to the ongoing monitoring regime and came under missile attack during the United States and British aggression of January 1993, thus undermining its capacity to operate. It had been rebuilt as part of the reconstruction campaign, and had then again been bombed by the United States and the United Kingdom in December 1998. An IAEA inspection team had also inspected the site on 12 December 2002. The group inspected all facilities, checked the tagged machines and established coordinates for the entrance using a global positioning system (GPS) device. The group completed its assignment at 1240 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

1. A group consisting of 14 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours. At 0935 hours it arrived at the MIC's Hattin State Enterprise, which makes conventional munitions, some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. An IAEA team had

inspected the site on 16 December 2002. On arrival, the group checked tagged equipment and materials and asked the general manager about major products and any changes there had been since 1998. The group then divided into three sub-groups, which inspected all the facilities, buildings and open spaces. The group completed its assignment at 1355 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1505 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 14 inspectors, left the Burj al-Hayat Hotel in downtown Baghdad at 0600 hours. At 1340 hours it arrived at the site of the State Petrochemical Industries Enterprise in Basrah governorate in southern Iraq. The group met with the general manager and asked about the enterprise and its operations and products. It then inspected all buildings and laboratories and checked tagged equipment. The group completed its assignment at 1730 hours and remained in Basrah governorate overnight.

V.

At 0415 hours a United Nations Antonov-124 aircraft landed at Saddam International Airport carrying three helicopters. They are to be assembled at the airport for the use of the inspection teams.

VI. Remarks

1. On this day IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams made surprise inspections of 12 sites in and around Baghdad and of one in Basrah governorate, with 84 inspectors taking part. In the course of their visits the inspectors met with those in charge of the sites, who answered the questions asked. They also conducted radiometric surveys using hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity there might be, and they photographed equipment and machinery subject to monitoring.

2. For the first time, an IAEA team interviewed an Iraqi scientist who had worked in the former nuclear programme. He is now working as an academic at the University of Technology in Baghdad. The interview took place in the presence of an NMD representative when the scientist refused to be interviewed on his own.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities carried out on Wednesday 25 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

The IAEA inspection team, composed of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. At 10 a.m. it arrived at the Fath State Enterprise, which belongs to the Hattin State Company, one of the entities belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation. The plant, which is located 80 kilometres south of Baghdad, specializes in the manufacture of materials entering into the manufacture of traditional munitions. Upon arriving, the team held a meeting with a plant official, asking him questions about the number of employees and the structure of the plant. Next the team, using portable equipment, conducted a radiation survey of all the streets of the plant with a view to detecting any radioactivity. The team then inspected the additions to the plant. It completed its mission at 11.50 a.m. and proceeded to another site.

The team arrived at the Qaqaa State Company at 12.30 p.m. and proceeded immediately to calculate the number of 81-millimetre aluminium tubes, which according to accusations contained in the report of British Prime Minister Tony Blair were being used for centrifuges for the manufacture of atomic bombs, whereas the tubes were being used for the manufacture of 81-millimetre rockets having a range of 10 kilometres. The team took an 81-millimetre tube and photographed all the tubes. The team completed its mission at 2.25 p.m.

At 2.55 p.m. the team arrived at the Umm al-Ma`arik Company, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation. The Company, which is located 30 kilometres south of Baghdad, specializes in machining. The team inspected one of the machines included under monitoring and observed the stages of drawing and working of tubes from aluminium ingots for 81-millimetre rockets. The team then took photographs and video films of the stages of processing. The team completed its mission at 3.14 p.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 3.45 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

The team, which was composed of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. It arrived at the Taji gas facility, located 20 kilometres north of Baghdad, at 9.30 a.m., whereupon it immediately proceeded to the Research and Quality Control Department building. During the 1980s the building had been occupied by the pilot unit for the production of single-cell protein from petroleum derivatives. The protein is used in the production of animal fodder. The team inspected the building and addressed to the liaison officer at the National Monitoring Directorate a number of questions relating to activities in the building. It then inspected the warehouses. The team completed its mission at 10.50 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 11.20 a.m.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

The team, which was composed of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. It arrived at the Ibn al-Haytham site belonging to the Karamah State Company, one of the establishments of the Military Industrialization Corporation, at 9 a.m. The site, which is located 10 kilometres north of Baghdad, specializes in the production of parts for missiles within the range permitted under the Security Council resolutions. The site had been inspected by an IAEA team on 10 December 2002 and by an UNMOVIC team on 13 December 2002. The team took an inventory of the materials under monitoring and a group from the team checked the tagged items. The team completed its mission at 11.42 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 12.20 p.m.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team, which was composed of 14 inspectors, spent the night of 24-25 December 2002 in Basra. It left the hotel at 8.10 a.m. and arrived at the State Enterprise for Pulp and Paper Industries, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals and is located 50 kilometres north of Basra, at 9 a.m. The team met with the general manager of the Enterprise and inquired about new machinery, the Enterprise's projects and its future plans for the development of production lines, and the questions were answered. The team then inspected salt production, checked the declarations and tagged items and inspected the chlorine unit. The team completed its mission at 12.45 p.m. and returned to Baghdad, reaching the Canal Hotel at 7 p.m.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team (chemical, missiles, biological)

The team, which was composed of 20 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 6.30 a.m. After passing the town of Ramadi, located 120 kilometres west of Baghdad, the team split into two groups, as follows:

Group I

Group I arrived at one of the airbases in the Baghdadi region at 9.55 a.m. Upon its arrival, the team met the commander of the base and asked him numerous questions, to which answers were provided. The team then inspected various areas on the base. It completed its mission at 12.35 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 4.50 p.m.

Group II

Group II arrived at an army depot located west of the town of Ramadi at 9.50 a.m. The group inspected the depot and asked the officials in charge there questions about the contents of the depot. The team completed its mission at 4.25 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 7.90 [sic] p.m.

VI. Remarks

The IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams carried out surprise inspection missions that included seven sites in the governorates of Baghdad, Basra and Anbar. The 61 inspectors who participated in the missions met with site officials, who answered their questions and requests for information. The inspectors, using portable equipment, carried out radiation surveys with a view to detecting any radioactivity and took still and video photographs of some equipment and locations.